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OUTLINE NOTES

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Organizational Memory in Current Decisions

(Senior Seminar at . Session, Time 1930 Hours, 22 September 1971)

Introductory:

Objectives of Overview History (How did we get in the mess we are in?)

Oral History Feature.

Propositions culled from.

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Proposition 1: For God's sake communicate, particularly down the line.

If I knew then, what I know now. (Learning in 1971 in the interview what I should have been doing from '65-70 as Chief of OP Plans Staff)

Not just a top management failing.

Middle level just as guilty. In a word, us.

Proposition 2: The Environment of Organization is constantly changing and yet it is a continuum shaping the present and the future.

Illustrate by Echols' comments on prevalent attitude toward administration and management down the years.

TAPE EXCERPT

Second illustration by Strength Curve Chart with remarks on, "Agency formed very haphazardly in the 50's. We have been stuck with it ever since. Changed environment of the 60's. Difficulties of high potential young professionals in getting through the large middle layer inherited from the 50's."

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Proposition 3: The use of organizational memory in current decision making process saves much rethinking of policy since so many administrative issues are cyclical.

Separation of Surplus Personnel; The Rise and Fall of the 701 Program. Planned in '59 by Gordon Stewart, implemented in '61-62 in a slow, agonizing process, interred in '64 by General Carter with the words, "Never again."

TAPE EXCERPT (Echols' views on 701)

Proposition 4: O.M. can contribute to innovation by stimulating the thought process.

> Review of original reasons for policies may indicate they no longer apply and change is required. Particularly applicable to "sacred cows."

Example: Competitive Promotion, badly needed when introduced in 1956, bolstered by all kinds of stratagems such as Personal Rank Assignment, Development Complement; may have watered down grade structure by grade promotions not supported by job and responsibility promotions; obsolete in 1971 maybe. If so, what would take its place.

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Concluding Remarks:

Measure effects of personalities on organization particularly personalities who may no longer be here.

Close the gaps left by official budget-justifying annual reports before you leave office.

Tell it like it was.

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